

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 as follows:

By way of example, the following provides a sample process that illustrates an example of one process which the DMD solution can support. A region, e.g., any grouping of one or more cable head-ends for cities, states, provinces, or countries, defined by cable or network operators in an area, sells a commercial in the local availability time. All remote site servers 16 within the same region play the same material at the same time, including all network programs, national spots, local commercials, announcements, etc. The videotaped segment for the commercial is digitally encoded. The digital material is scheduled for delivery to each remote site server 16 prior to broadcast. The playlist, digitized spots, and the broadcast program stream are sent, via satellite, to all of the remote site servers 16 within the region. All of the remote site servers 16 within the region air the local spots for that region at the scheduled time. As-Run logs are retrieved by the central site 10 from the remote site servers 16. As-Run logs are sent to the local markets, reviewed, reconciled, and customers are billed. Commercials and As-Run logs are archived.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12 as follows:

The central site server 18 includes software on a suitable computer readable medium that is architected using a layered model, in which each layer isolates the upper layers from the details of the lower layers and individual components within a layer provide a unique set of services, as is well appreciated by those skilled in the art. Figure 2 illustrates an example of a suitable layered architecture for the central site server 18. The top layer 20 addresses the external interfaces of the central site server 18, including a graphical user interface (GUI) component and the interfaces to the external systems. The GUI component, e.g., using Lotus Notes, provides

administrators and operators with the ability to monitor and control the DMD. In accordance with the present invention, the interfaces to external systems include interfaces to traffic systems 23 (Fig. 1), which interface to the central site server 18 by way of files exchanged on an Internet file server 25 (Fig. 1) in accordance with the present invention, as described more particularly hereinbelow, interfaces to stations in a box (SIBs) which send Lotus Notes messages, and interfaces to encoder systems (22, Fig. 1), which store encoded spot files in a disk pool server for retrieval by the central site server 18.